GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public service Agricultural Marketing Department —Allegation of irregularities against Sri M. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working in Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam – Initiation of disciplinary action under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules 1991 —Article of Charges — issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION(VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 93 Dated: 10-02-2016

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1. It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri M. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working in Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CCA) Rules 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charges (Annexure-I). A Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of each Article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Sri M.Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working in Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam is directed to submit within 15 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri NI. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam is further informed that an enquiry will be held only if the article of charge is not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Sri M. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para 3 above, further action will be proceeded on the material available.

6. The attention of Sri M. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or out side influence to hear upon any superior authority to further his interest respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumes that Sri M. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P.C.S. Conduct Rules 1964.

P.T.O.

7. The receipt of the G.O may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

T.VIJAY KUMAR,
SPL.CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (AGRI, AM&C)

To
Sri M.Venugopala Rao, EE(AM),Viakhapatnam through Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P, Hyd.
Copy to:-
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P, Hyd.
The Superintending Engineer, O/o the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyd.
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ANNEXURE-I

Statement of Article of Charges framed against Sri M. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working in Executive Engineer (AM), Visakhapatanam

Article-I: That Sri M.Venugopal Rao the then EE(AM),Guntur and presently working as EE (AM) Visakhpatnam has failed to discharge his legitimate duties and failed to follow prescribed procedures and committed irregularities in execution of 6 works in Agriculture Market Yards at Piduguralla, Dachepalli, gurazala relating to "construction of Covered Auction Platforms(CAP)" etc., as it was intentionally misguided the higher officials by submitting wrong estimates, where he simply submitted the similar estimates to the span of 30 mts which was technically approved for the span of 21.78 mts. Only. Consequently it leads to series of errors such as providing intermediate columns, Guttar beams, hindrance to the Unique shed and Aim of creating big shed is absolutely failed and also dis obey the orders of SE(AM) Hyd., as he did not obtain prior approval of structural and Mix designs and simply proceeded with the work, even then he had sufficient knowledge on such Galvolume roofing works and it causes loss of Government funds, loss of time and loss of Unique space.

Article-II: That the said Sri M. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam during discharging duties submitted the estimate of Galvalume roofing with I mm thick for 30 mts span also, through it is clearly known to him that 1 mm thickness is for spans up to 22mts, by violating Rules.

Article-III: That the said Sri M. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working in Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam during discharging duties caused additional cost for laying intermediate columns and delay in completion of the work, by violating Rules.

Article-IV: That the said Sri M. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working in Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam during discharging duties failed to submit the structural designs, mix design, SBC of the soil for the approval of Superintendent Engineer before commencing the work, by violating Rules.

Thus, by his above mentioned act, he has exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and conduct unbecoming a public servant and thereby violated Rules 3 (1) (2) and (3) of the APCS(Conduct R) Rules,1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct on the basis of which the Article of Charges framed against Sri M. Venugonal Rao, the then Executive Engineer(AM), Guntur and presently working in Executive Engineer (AM), Visakhapatanam

Basis I to IV :-

In the Vigilance Report No.42(C.No.96/V&E/E2/2013) Dated:25.05.2015 Govt has noticed that certain irregularities in execution of the works in the Guntur District as follows:-

The designs communicated by Head Office for godowns is for a span of 21.78 Mts, where as the span of CAP is 30 Mts, being Civil Engineer and as Executive Engineer his act of submitting the same sections without supported by any designs for 30 Mts span is not acceptable. He failed to obey the orders of SE to submit the structural designs/mis. designs before grounding the work.

The version of Executive Engineer that, this is the first time that russless roofs are executed is not correct since they have already constructed godonws in Guntur district with 21.78 Mts span with 1.00 mm thick Galvalume sheets. He should have at least consulted the agents of M/s. Proflex systems who is executing the roofing items, before submitting the estimate with 1.00 mm thick sheets for 30 Mts span.

Thus, by his above mentioned act, he has exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and conduct unbecoming a public servant and thereby violated Rules 3 (1) (2) and (3) of the APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964.

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ANNEXURE-III

List of documents by whom the Article of Charges framed against Sri M. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer (AM), Guntur and presently working in Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam.

Vigilance Report No.42 (C.No.96/V&E/E2/2013) Dated:25.05.2015
of the General Adminstration (Vigilance &Enforcement) Department.

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ANNEXURE-IV

List of witnesses by whom the Article of Charges framed against Sri M. Venugopal Rao, the then Executive Engineer (AM), Guntur and presently working in Executive Engineer(AM), Visakhapatanam

- Nil -

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